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HOUSE BILL No. 1171

DIGEST OF HB 1171 (Updated February 19, 2003 10:51 AM - DI 51)

Citations Affected: IC 9-25; IC 9-26.

Synopsis: Motor vehicle accident reports. Increases the threshold apparent amount of damage to property caused by an accident for which a report must be filed to \$1,000 and makes corresponding changes to related statutes.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 8, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 17, 2003, amended, reported — Do Pass. Recommited to Committee on Ways and Means.
February 19, 2003, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-25-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. The bureau may not revoke the
3 driving license or registration plates of the owner or operator of a motor
4 vehicle who has been involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting in
5 bodily injury or death or in damage to property in excess of ~~seven~~
6 ~~hundred fifty one thousand~~ dollars (~~\$750~~) (**\$1,000**) solely because of
7 failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility whenever the:
8 (1) owner or operator was insured by an insurance company for
9 public liability and property damage at the time of the accident;
10 and
11 (2) insurance company becomes insolvent after the accident or
12 within fifteen (15) days before the accident;
13 if the insurance company was authorized and qualified to do business
14 in Indiana on the effective date of the policy.
15 SECTION 2. IC 9-26-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. The driver of a vehicle involved
17 in an accident that does not result in injury or death of a person but that

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1 does result in damage to a vehicle that is driven or attended by a person
2 shall do the following:

3 (1) Immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as
4 close to the accident as possible in a manner that does not
5 obstruct traffic more than is necessary.

6 (2) Immediately return to and remain at the scene of the accident
7 until the driver does the following:

8 (A) Gives the driver's name and address and the registration
9 number of the vehicle the driver was driving.

10 (B) Upon request, exhibits the driver's license of the driver to
11 the driver or occupant of or person attending each vehicle
12 involved in the accident.

13 (3) If the accident results in total property damage to an apparent
14 extent of at least ~~seven hundred fifty one thousand~~ dollars
15 ~~(\$750); (\$1,000)~~, forward a written report of the accident to the
16 state police department within ten (10) days after the accident.

17 SECTION 3. IC 9-26-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. A law enforcement officer shall
19 investigate each motor vehicle accident that results in any of the
20 following:

21 (1) The injury or death of a person.

22 (2) Total property damage to an apparent extent of at least ~~seven~~
23 ~~hundred fifty one thousand~~ dollars ~~(\$750); (\$1,000)~~.

24 SECTION 4. IC 9-26-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) A law enforcement officer
26 shall enforce IC 9-21 and IC 9-25 against the parties to a motor vehicle
27 accident on private property if the accident:

28 (1) occurs on commercial or other private property that is open to
29 the public; and

30 (2) results in:

31 (A) personal injury or death; or

32 (B) property damage to an apparent extent greater than ~~seven~~
33 ~~hundred fifty one thousand~~ dollars ~~(\$750); (\$1,000)~~.

34 (b) This section does not affect the power of a local government unit
35 to contract with the owner or lessee of a shopping center or private
36 business property under IC 9-21-18-4.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1171, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 6, delete "two" and insert "**one**".
Page 1, line 6, delete "five hundred".
Page 1, line 6, delete "(\$2,500)" and insert "**(\$1,000)**".
Page 2, line 15, delete "two" and insert "**one**".
Page 2, line 15, delete "five hundred".
Page 2, line 16, delete "(\$2,500)," and insert "**(\$1,000),**".
Page 2, line 25, delete "two" and insert "**one**".
Page 2, line 25, delete "five hundred".
Page 2, line 26, delete "(\$2,500)." and insert "**(\$1,000).**".
Page 2, line 36, delete "two" and insert "**one**".
Page 2, line 36, delete "five hundred".
Page 2, line 37, delete "(\$2,500)." and insert "**(\$1,000).**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1171 as introduced.)

LAWSON L, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1171, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

CRAWFORD, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 23, nays 0.

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